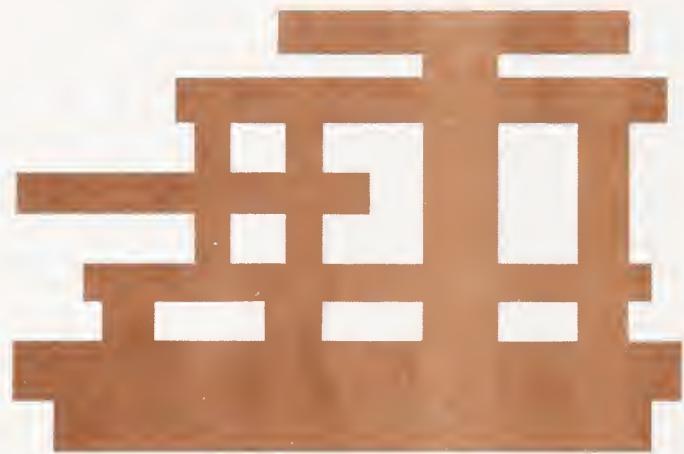




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## Demon Gift Shop

The Demon Gift Shop has been so popular among Northwestern alumni that the gift shop will be open on Homecoming February 14 for alumni, students and other visitors to purchase souvenirs of the university.

Since the gift shop was opened last year, hundreds of alumni have obtained shirts, mugs, charms, ash trays, hats and other gift items that carry Northwestern's symbols, seals and insignias.

Every Demon should have a banner or sweat shirt, and the gift shop items also make good gifts. Visit the gift shop at Homecoming.

## Message from the President

by Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick, President  
Northwestern State University

The year 1976 will be a memorable period in this nation's history and also in the 92-year history of Northwestern State University. Northwestern's heritage is proving to be a strong foundation for the future just as America's past forms the foundation for a brighter tomorrow.



Dr. Kilpatrick

There are so many exciting things happening at your university that we are anxious for you to return home on Valentine's Day for a unique Homecoming celebration. We at Northwestern are looking forward to having you and your family on the campus for all of the activities and fellowship with former classmates and professors. From 1884 to 1976 is a long time, and the miles that separate us may be many, but the common love for our alma mater and those principles for which it stands unite us and challenge us to work together as never before in support of American ideals during this Bicentennial year and also for superior educational opportunities for everyone.

Please join us for Homecoming on February 14.

## The Alumni President Speaks

by Dr. Harold Denning, President  
NSU Alumni Association



Dr. Denning

It is easy to take things for granted, but I hope that during this Bicentennial year all of us will remember the qualities that have brought the United States to its place of prominence and leadership among the nations of the world.

And even more important, I hope that you and I will become more appreciative of the superior quality of life that we enjoy in America.

Freedom and democracy demand a literate and rationally-oriented people, and for 92 of this nation's 200 years, our alma mater at Natchitoches has sent into this country and the world people with developed minds and disciplined hearts. Our alumni have assumed places of leadership in every conceivable segment of society. The same principles and qualities that have made America great have also made Northwestern a great institution, and I hope that our alumni recognize the importance of their college. Come to Homecoming and renew your dedication to work together to insure Northwestern's place of prominence in Louisiana education in the future.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Three former outstanding athletes will be inducted into the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming on February 14. Selected to the Hall of Fame this month were basketball player Leroy Miller, baseball star Billy Roy Cook and football standout Red McNew. The three will be inducted by Hall of Fame selection chairman Dr. Allen Bonnette in pre-game ceremonies.

# VALENTINE'S DAY HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED

## Distinguished Alumni Lectures

The Northwestern Alumni Association is sponsoring the second annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series during Homecoming in keeping with the philosophy that the reputation of a university is determined by the success of its graduates.

Faculty members in each participating department have selected a distinguished alumnus for 1975 from a list of nominations submitted by alumni and faculty members. Representing their respective departments, these outstanding graduates will lecture in classes and seminars and participate in special activities within the departments during the week preceding Homecoming, which will be held February 14. They will also be recognized during Homecoming ceremonies at the basketball game between Northwestern and Nicholls State.

The following alumni have been selected by their respective departments at distinguished graduates of 1975: W. Gilbert Stroud, Accounting; Ora Williams, Languages; John McConathy, Health and Physical Education; John Barkate, Microbiology and Biochemistry; Jon Gibson, Social Sciences; Fred Litton, Special Education; Nina Wideman and Mrs. Luther Beene, Music; Dr. Lisso Simmons, Curriculum and Instruction; Wayne Wilkerson, Earth Sciences; Dr. Dwight D. Vines, Business Administration and Economics; William L. Doxey, Chemistry and Physics; Pamela Hankins, Business, Distributive Education and Office Administration. The Department of Industrial Education and Technology will also participate in the program but has not yet selected an outstanding alumnus.

## Basketball Game To Highlight Day

A full evening of activities is planned for alumni, students and visitors during Northwestern's unique Valentine's Day Homecoming celebration on February 14.

Northwestern traditionally conducts Homecoming in the fall in conjunction with a football game, but all of the Demons' games were played out of town this season because construction has begun on a new \$9 million stadium and athletic complex.

The basketball game between Northwestern and Nicholls State in Prather Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. highlights the Homecoming program. Northwestern and Nicholls have developed into strong rivals, and the teams battled it out in overtime earlier in the season.

Homecoming begins with alumni registration and a reception from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Student Union lobby. Alumni are being encouraged to tour the campus and visit various open houses throughout the afternoon.

Alumni, students and other visitors are invited to participate in an old-fashioned fried chicken supper at 5 o'clock in the coliseum. Tickets for the dinner are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

During the dinner, visitors will be entertained by the Northwestern Entertainers, the NSU Jazz Band, cheerleaders and Pom Pon line members. Highlighting the dinner will be a basketball game at 5:45 between former Northwestern varsity basketball players and current intramural all-stars.

Coach Tynes Hildebrand and other university officials are contacting ex-basketball players who might be interested in playing in the game, and anyone who lettered in basketball is eligible to play.

The Homecoming court will be presented during special pre-game ceremonies, which also include induction of new members in the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame.

During halftime of the Northwestern-Nicholls game the Entertainers will sing, and the Jazz Band will perform. The Homecoming queen will be crowned, and other special awards will be presented.

Numerous special guests—including former student body presidents, former winners of Mr. and Miss NSU titles, ex-basketball players, former beauty queens and others—are being extended official invitations to return for Homecoming.

During the week preceding the Homecoming celebration, various university departments are having distinguished alumni lecture programs.

## Alumni-Student Supper

Alumni, students and other guests at Homecoming on Valentine's Day February 14 will enjoy a fried chicken supper at Prather Coliseum at 5 p.m. During the dinner, various programs are scheduled for the entertainment of Homecoming visitors. Featured will be the NSU Entertainers, NSU Jazz Band, Cheerleaders and Pom Pon Line. A special basketball game will begin at 5:45 between former varsity basketball players at Northwestern and a team made up of current NSU intramural all-stars. The dinner and basketball game should serve to bring together former and present Northwestern students in a spirit of fellowship. Tickets for the Alumni-Student supper will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and may be purchased during registration in the Student Union or at the coliseum.

## Special Homecoming Guests

Members of the Northwestern Homecoming planning committee are attempting to contact scores of alumni who distinguished themselves while enrolled at Northwestern and who played special roles in various areas of university life.

Former students who were selected as Mr. or Miss NSU, campus queens and beauties, former presidents of the Student Body Association and the Student Union Governing Board, ex-basketball players, retired faculty members, Distinguished Alumni, the Alumni Association Board, NSU Foundation Board and various other alumni are being invited to return to the campus as special guests for Homecoming. These individuals will be recognized during the Homecoming basketball game between Northwestern and Nicholls State.

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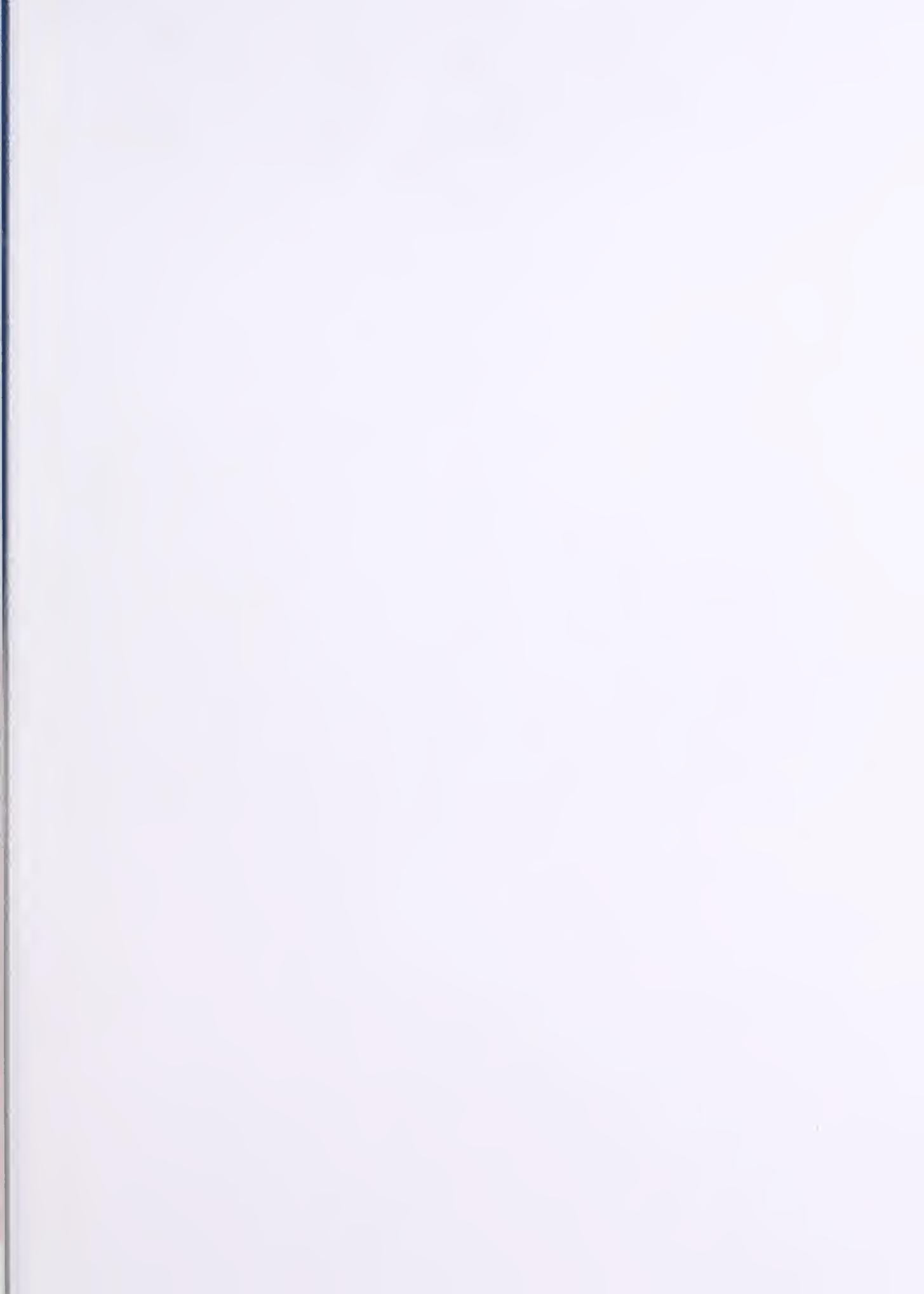
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## Northwestern State University Homecoming Schedule

Saturday, February 14, 1976

2:00-4:00	Alumni Registration and Reception	Student Union Lobby
2:00-5:00	Campus Tours and Open Houses	Northwestern Campus
5:00-6:30	Alumni and Student Dinner	Prather Coliseum
5:15-5:45	Special Program of Entertainment	Prather Coliseum
5:45-6:45	"Old Timer" vs. Student All-Stars	Prather Coliseum
6:45-7:00	Presentation of Homecoming Court	Prather Coliseum
7:00-7:15	Hall of Fame Induction Program	Prather Coliseum
7:15-7:30	Presentation of Special Awards	Prather Coliseum
7:30	Basketball: NSU vs. Nicholls State	Prather Coliseum
Halftime	Music by Entertainers and NSU Jazz Band	Prather Coliseum
Halftime	Coronation of Queen, Special Awards	Prather Coliseum
Post-Game	Alumni Coffee and Visitation	N Club Room





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